**PATENT** 

Case Docket No. NIT-304

In RE application of

T. OSABE et al

Serial No.: 09/944,073

Group Art Unit:

2826

Filed: September 4, 2001

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner:

T. Tran

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. A Petition and fee for a two-month Extension of Time accompanies this response.